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REMARKS

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1. At 1030 on 4 October 1954, an engineer column of 28 trucks with TMP pontoons, 1 motorboat, 1 truck with hoisting gear, 1 field kitchen and about 150 soldiers lined up for a rest along the Stendal-Tangermuende road. A list of articles of clothing of [ ] was seen at the rest place. 1
2. On 6 October, the Taunentzien Kaserne (5584) in Stendal was occupied to capacity by about 1,200 troops who wore black-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 30 trucks with pontoons type TMP, 3 motorboats, 4 DUKW-353 amphibious cars, 1 truck with hoisting gear and about 40 trucks with boxes, boards and planks were parked near a garage. One of the amphibious cars had [ ] An antenna and radio trucks [ ] were seen in the kaserne. 2
3. On 6 October, the occupation of the Ludendorff Kaserne (2292) in Potsdam increased considerably. Six 152-mm gun howitzers and 4 field kitchens stood in the yard. After 6 October, the Hohenlohe Kaserne (2291) in Potsdam was also more heavily occupied. It quartered about 500 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor vehicle insignia. Truck [ ] entered the installation. On 6 October, the Delius Kaserne (2289) in Potsdam was also more heavily occupied by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. At about 1400, 4 prime movers [ ] with trailers which were loaded with round timber and planks moved out of the installation and went toward Potsdam. They were followed by 2 radio trucks and 2 other trucks [ ] 3
4. On 7 October, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443) in Rathenow was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. After the troops moved in in early October, about 35 to 40 rocket launchers were seen at the kaserne. Some of the rocket launchers had two rows of rails. Between [ ]'s cabin and the end of the rails there were sideward [ ] benches for the crew. Approximately 150 trucks were seen [ ]. The following motor vehicle numbers were identified in traffic to and from the installation:

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5. After 4 October, the Pionier Kaserne (5442) in Rathenow quartered approximately 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. About 60x222-mm field howitzers and about 120 trucks were seen when the troops moved into the installation.

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6. After 4 October, the Infanterie Kaserne (5441) in Rathenow quartered about 800 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. Approximately 70 mortars of 160 mm and presumably of 120 mm, and approximately 100 trucks were at the kaserne. Motor vehicles were seen in traffic to and from the installation.

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7. After 4 October, the Ziethen Kaserne (5444) in Rathenow was reoccupied by a headquarters. An estimated 200 soldiers were stationed at the kaserne. Motor vehicles were identified in front of the installation. 4

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1. Comment. The engineer troops are believed to have participated in the Third Shock Army maneuvers. these troops belong to the 348th Engr Bn of the 18th Mecz Div which is thus confirmed until 4 October. Elements of the battalion were seen marching toward Ludwigslust on 6 October.

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2. Comment. Information on the return to Stendal of the units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div on 2 October was forwarded. According to the present report, it can be expected that the 338th Engr Bn and the U/i Sig Bn of the division are again quartered in the Taunentzen Kaserne. The strength of troops indicates that other units are also stationed at the kaserne. In this connection it may be mentioned that the 890th Indep Engr Bn of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, which was previously stationed in the Remonte Schule (5102) in Gardelegen, has not been confirmed there since the spring of 1953.

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3. Comment. The observations indicate that elements of the three brigades of the 34th Artv Div were again at their quarters on 6 October. elements of the division were transferred from the training area of the Third Shock Army to their quarters after 5 October. the return of elements of the division to Potsdam post on 8/9 October.

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4. Comment. The report indicates the unchanged distribution of units of the 6th Arty Div and 25th Gds RL Bnig in Rathenow after the return of the troops. The data on weapons confirm previous assumptions on the T/E of the brigades.

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